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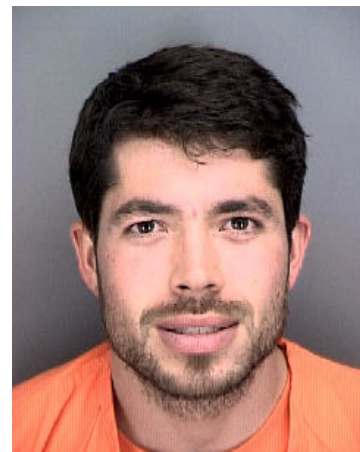
PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: May 9, 2005
Date/Time of Occurrence: May 5, 2005 9:21 a.m.
Nature of Call: Residential Arsonist Arrested
Location of Call: 675 Carnelian Rd., Carnelian Bay
Case Number: 05-6738
Released by: Lt. John Addoms (530) 581-6315

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Jason Fulton Fox, 29, of Carnelian Bay is schedule to be arraigned today, May 9th, in the Placer County Superior Court in Tahoe City after being arrested last Thursday, May 5th, for breaking into a neighbor's house and setting it on fire.

In the morning of May 5th, Sheriff's deputies and North Tahoe Fire Department firefighters responded to a house engulfed in flames at 675 Carnelian Rd. As the fire department was fighting the fire, Sheriff's deputies interviewed neighbors and located a witness that saw a man running from the area moments before noticing the flames. The witness described the suspect, including his wearing a unique jacket and carrying a black bag. The deputies found shoe impressions in the snow left by the man described by the witness and noticed they went near a garage only a few hundred yards from the burning house. Inside the garage, deputies and detectives found a gas can and, inside a washing machine, they found a black bag smelling of gasoline. It was discovered that Jason Fox lived in an apartment above the garage and he was found riding his bicycle nearby on North Lake Blvd. A subsequent search of Fox's apartment revealed a jacket matching the description given by the witness. Fox was arrested for the arson and a search warrant was subsequently obtained for a more detailed search of the apartment. During that search, detectives found shoes matching the shoe prints discovered by the deputies. The search of the apartment also revealed a large quantity of growing psilocybin, hallucinogenic, mushrooms.



Jason Fulton Fox

Arson investigators for the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department found evidence at the fire scene consistent with the use of a flammable liquid to start the fire.

Fox was charged with residential arson, residential burglary, cultivation of hallucinogenic mushrooms, and possession of a controlled substance for sale. He remains in custody pending \$150,000 bail.

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